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SUBJ: USIS PROGRAMMING

REF: STATE 193696

1. USIS COUNTRY PLAN FOR GHANA MESHES CLOSELY WITH PARM AND WORLDWIDE USIA INTERESTS. WE ARE NOW PLANNING TO GIVE MORE ATTENTION TO ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS, EVEN THOUGH THIS IS A SENSITIVE POINT WITH THE GHANAIAN GOVERNMENT, WHICH CIRCUMSCRIBES POLITICAL FREEDOMS. AT THE SAME TIME, WE WILL CONTINUE TO POINT OUT FIRM US COMMITMENT TO MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AN ISSUE ON WHICH US AND GHANA SEE EYE-TO-EYE.

2. TO MAKE SURE USIS RESOURCES ARE BEING USED TO BEST ADVANTAGE AT POST, WE ARE URGING ALL MISSION PERSONALLY TO MAKE GREATER USE OF FILMS AND OTHER ASSETS FOR REPRESENTATIONAL PURPOSES AND WILL ASK FOR FEEDBACK ON THEIR UTILITY.

3. RE PUBLIC DIPLOMACY AND US INTERESTS IN AFRICA AS A WHOLE, WE THINK THE REASONS FOR OUR GROWING DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES NEED TO BE CONFIDENTIAL

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EXPLAINED MORE PERSUASIVELY. CRITICS HERE AND ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA BELIEVE THAT AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND MILITARY INTERESTS HAVE TRADITIONALLY PARALLELED THOSE OF SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA. WHILE WE OBVIOUSLY CANNOT CONVINCE ALL SKEPTICS, WE MAY BE ABLE TO MAKE BETTER HEADWAY IF CANDID REASONS CAN BE GIVEN FOR OUR PRESENT PUBLIC ESPOUSAL OF MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA AND

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BY IMPLICATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF. HOLMES

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